

Cloudy tonight.
Rain Saturday.

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LOVER IN PRISON, GIRL SAVES HIM LONG SENTENCE

Miss McCormick Wants
to Meet Crahan at
Altar—President
Helps.

Slick Providence Coun-
terfeiter Aided by
Loyal Woman.

Gets Sentence Reduced
Six Years After Tire-
less Effort.

Through the unflinching love and con-
fidence of a good woman, the fifteen-
year sentence of Marcus Crahan, clever
counterfeiter, was yesterday commuted
by the President to six years in the penitentiary.

The woman in question was Ida Mc-
Cormick, of Providence, R. I., and the
fiancee of Crahan. For several weeks
Miss McCormick has been tirelessly
working to have her sweetheart liber-
ated, or at least to have the sentence re-
duced. Today she was made happy by
the information that Crahan's sentence
had been reduced to six years.

He has already served two years, and
with nineteen months off for good be-
havior, Crahan will be free in a little
over two years to elope with his faithful
sweetheart to the altar.

Pleads for Lover.

The petition for Crahan's liberation
has been before the pardon attorney
of the Department of Justice for some
time, and it was supplemented by num-
bers of letters from prominent people
in Providence, who knew the inside
story of the case and were anxious to
see Miss McCormick win out in her
effort to have her lover freed or his
sentence reduced. Miss McCormick,
herself, wrote the Department of Justice
a despairing letter, in which she begged
a pardon for Crahan, and stated that
in its event, they would be married,
and she was sure that if given a
chance, her convict-lover would prove
himself a law-abiding citizen.

Touched Hearts of Clerks.

Her letter, it is pathos and trustful-
ness, touched even the stony hearts of
the pardon clerks at the Department of
Justice, who are in receipt of similar
letters each day, and a thorough in-
vestigation of the merits of this particular
case, was made and the matter referred
to the Attorney General.

But Miss McCormick could not bear
the suspense and last week arrived in
Washington, and appeared before the
chief clerk of the Pardon Board of the
Department of Justice, and also made a
strong plea to Chief Wilkie of the Sec-
ret Service for Crahan, and stated that
if he were released, she would be his
able lawyer, with Cupid as her star
witness. As a result the original fif-
teen-year sentence was yesterday com-
muted to six years.

Story of Downfall.

The story of Crahan and his downfall
is a rather unusual one. Four years ago
Marcus Crahan was an expert engraver
at Providence, R. I., the possessor of an
excellent position and good salary. He
fell in love with Miss McCormick, a
woman about thirty years of age,
blonde, and pretty, and who returned
his passion. They became engaged and
started to save up money to build a
home before they were married. It was
then that he became a counterfeiter.

Crahan was intensely interested in
color-engraving and became an enthu-
siast. He was a member of a ten-dollar
club known as the "Buffalo note." Cra-
han, nothing loath, commenced work
upon the engraving, and much to his
own surprise, produced a note, which
could only be detected by an expert as
a counterfeit.

Wonderful Counterfeiter.

Then he turned his attention to a one-
hundred-dollar note, known as the "Ben-
ton head," and in a very short time
he was producing a counterfeit, so
amazingly good, as to almost
defy detection. And with that note
came his downfall and destruction.

With the idea of more quickly pay-
ing for the home he and his fiancée
were working for, and a more speedy mar-
riage, Crahan, on a unlucky day, at-
tempted to pass one of the \$100 bills,
and the ease with which he succeeded
proved an incentive to repeat the trick.

Finally, he began to operate at the
race tracks and according to the way
he had doped it out, he simply could not
lose. His method was to each time play

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THE WEATHER REPORT.

Steamers departing today for Euro-
pean ports will have fresh westerly
winds, becoming variable with, at times,
cloudy weather to the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m. 35
12 noon 35
1 p. m. 35
2 p. m. 35

DOWNTOWN.

(Registered Affleck's Standard Thermometer.)
9 a. m. 35
12 noon 35
1 p. m. 35
2 p. m. 35

SUN TABLE.

Sun sets today 4:53
Sun rises tomorrow 7:13
TIDE TABLE.
High tide today 5:30 p. m.
High tide tomorrow 12:23 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow 6 a. m. 6:30 p. m.
HARPER FERRY, W. Va., Jan. 11.—
a. m. rivers clear.

CLUE IN POISON PUZZLE

Detectives to Bare the
Abbe Mystery in
Few Days.

District Chemist's An-
alysis of Dates Sent
Youth.

Search in New York
Reveals Sending
of Sweets.

Here are the facts in the Abbe
poisoning up to date, showing that
a net is being woven about the per-
son who sent poisoned sweets to the
young Rockville lad:

The package was sent from New
York on December 19.

Received and delivered at Rock-
ville on the 21st.

The express waybill shows it to
have been received in New York by
clerk No. 157, forwarded on way-
bill No. 27 and by train No. 47, via
Compaw express clearance station.

The waybill also indicates that the
package was prepaid 25 cents, the
audit number being A-739. The
name of the sender is given as "un-
known."

The package was handled by the
United States Express Company.

It is understood that the detec-
tives have run down one clue with-
out obtaining any definite results.

Motive for Crime.

The boy's family and the State
authorities are working upon the
supposition that behind every crime
there must be a motive.

Abbe is but a boy, and has no
personal enemies; therefore the only
tangible theory to work upon is that
the poisoned dates were sent by
some one who might be financially
interested in the death of the boy,
who is heir to \$50,000 from his
Grandfather Abbe's estate, the
amount being held in trust.

Seen yesterday at Rockville, the boy's
family and State Attorney Peters had
nothing to say about the case at this
time, except that developments were
being hoped for.

Dr. and Mrs. Abbe, father and mother
of the boy, were divorced about six
years ago, and the doctor has since
re-married. He is now living in apart-
ments at the Dupont. He and the boy,
however, are on good terms, and ex-
change visits.

At the James McDevitt detective
agency, which concern has been in
charge for the boy's mother, it was
stated this morning that the detec-
tives were at work upon several clues
on some of which developments might be
expected within the next few days,
when they would be made public.

Both the father's and the mother's
sides are possessed of ample means. Mrs.
Prescott Abbe, Rockville, Md., was
said to be a woman of considerable
wealth, and would be able to pay any
amount of money to secure the
release of her favorite grandchild.

Package Is Preserved.

Wrapped in several folds of thin, ordi-
nary, light buff wrapping paper and
directed in vertical handwriting to
"Prescott Abbe, Rockville, Md.," was
the package of poisoned dates sent to
the young man from New York. The
entire package of dates and also the paper
surrounding it when received have been
preserved intact and will be used as
evidence in the event the sender is lo-
cated. They are being jealously guard-
ed by the State authorities.

Young Abbe goes about his school
duties as usual, and does not appear at
all apprehensive about his future well-
fare. It is understood, however, that
the members of his family who, for some
unexplained reason, seem to suspect
that an attempt would be made upon
the boy's life, have doubled their sur-
veillance.

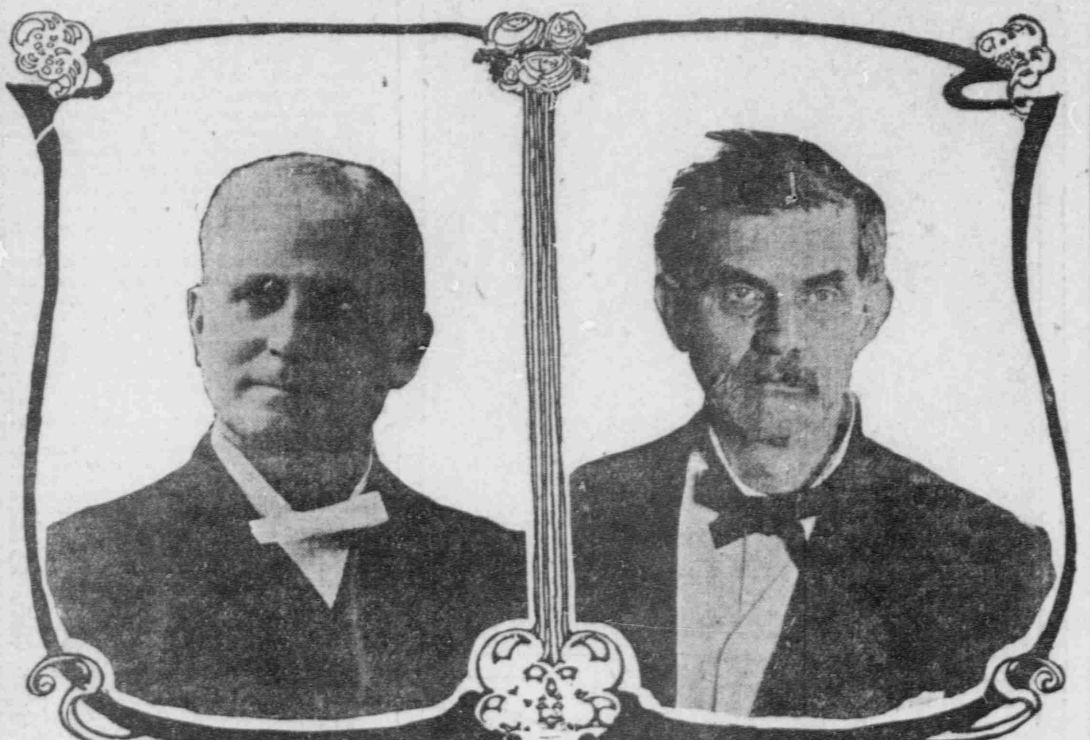
One-Man Affair.

If Clark gets the place he will lead
the minority in a manner somewhat
different from the features that have
been characteristic of the Williams
regime. Under the Mississippi rule,
the leadership was a one-man affair.
Williams was always on the floor, and
that such tactics tend to stifle indi-
viduality and to retard the individual
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Democratic Warwicks in House Plot To Dethrone Williams, the Dictator, Making Champ Clark Minority Ruler



CHAMP CLARK, Missouri,
Prospective Leader.

JOHN S. WILLIAMS, Mississippi,
The Present Leader.

Men Who Are in Skirmish That Precedes Battle Among Democrats to Gain Leadership of Party in the House.

"LITTLE GIANT" TRIES TO STEM THE ASSAULT

Declares for Peace in
Party As Enemy
Lines Up for
Battle.

Champ Clark, leader of the De-
mocracy in the House of Repre-
sentatives in the next Congress!

Since this session of Congress
convened the friends of the eloquent
Missourian have been making a
quiet, but determined, campaign to
put their man in the place now oc-
cupied by John Sharp Williams of
Mississippi.

As a result of their efforts,
Clark's friends are confident today
that they have the fight won—Wil-
liams beaten and Clark's selection
assured beyond all question.

This situation is the outcome of a
disaffection that has been felt for
a long time in several quarters with
Mr. Williams' leadership, and has been
made possible by an agreement among
the disaffected ones that Champ Clark
is, above all others, the man for the
job. Although the formal vote on the
proposition will not be taken until the
next Congress convenes in December,
the vote at that time will be only the
ceremonious expression of the senti-
ment that is crystallized in this ses-
sion of Congress.

Williams to Be Senator.

Those who have made certain, they
say, the election of Clark to the high-
est position a member of the minority
may hold in the House of Repre-
sentatives have not consulted Mr. Wil-
liams in the matter. Williams, it will be re-
membered, is a candidate against Gov-
ernor Vardaman for the Senatorship
from Mississippi, a contest that will
come up in that State the latter part
of the coming summer. However, it
may result, and the indications now
are that Williams will be the victor,
the present minority leader will, at any
rate, be a member of the House
throughout the next session, which is
the long session of the House.

The belief was expressed today that
Williams, when he learns the strength
of Clark, will announce his intention
of not running for the position of leader
in the next Congress, owing to his ex-
pected place in the Senate the second
session of the next Congress. There
are some who think the Mississippi
will want to hold the leadership until
his retirement from the House to take
up his Senatorial duties.

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PUBLIC GIVES ITS VIEWS ON MADDEN BILL

Commissioners Hear Ex-
pressions on Proposed
Cheaper Gas and Uni-
versal Transfers.

The public hearing of the Madden and
Wiley universal street car transfer bills
was held in the board room of the Dis-
trict building before the District Com-
missioners this morning.

Promptly at 10 o'clock Commissioner
Macfarland opened the hearing by read-
ing the text of the bills. Commissioners
West and Biddle were present.

There was present a representative
body of citizens from the Business Men's
Association and the various citizens' as-
sociations of the District, as well as
Representatives from the Washington
Railway and Electric and the Capital
Traction Companies.

A. F. Kinnam, of the Brookland Citiz-
ens' Association, opened the discussion
of the proposed legislation, saying his
organization had fully discussed the
bills and favored the legislation.

A. W. McGill, of the Cathedral
Heights Citizens' Association, objected
to section 3 of the Madden bill, which
fixes the schedule time of the car ser-
vice. He thought fifteen minutes would
be reasonable and meet the needs of the
people.

McGill also objected to section
4 of the same bill, which provides a
general penalty for a violation of the
law. He asked its amendment to pro-
vide a specific sum for each day the
law is violated.

Defense of Traction Company.

W. F. Hand, controller of the Wash-
ington Railway and Electric Company,
followed. He said the District enjoyed
as liberal a street car transfer privilege
as any city in the United States. He
said that 40,000,000 transfers were issued
last year in excess of fares collected by
his company, and that transfers are as
generally used in the District as in any
city. The number of transfers issued in
the District approximately made the cost
of transportation to the general pub-
lic only 2 cents. Mr. Hand said if the uni-
versal transfers were adopted so as to
apply between the two operating lines,
the price of a fare would be cut down
below the present 3-cent income on
fares, making it unreasonable and un-
profitable to operate these roads.

Mr. Hand's remarks were well re-
ceived, and he made a favorable impres-
sion.

Commissioner West cross-examined
Mr. Hand as to the use of transfers as
now issued, asking if the privilege was
abused. Mr. Hand stated it was pos-
sible to make a trip to distant sections
of the city and suburbs and by one fare
make a round trip, but he said regu-
lations could be enforced to prevent this.
However, he did not think this was a
proposition for serious consideration as
it was a small feature of transfers.

Wants Three-Cent Fare.

John W. Nev, of Langdon, did not
favor either, but wanted a 3-cent fare
with eight tickets for 25 cents. He
scored the traction companies for al-
leged inadequate service, crowding cars
and collecting fares from "strap hang-
ers." He thought this packing of cars

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PONCE SAFE OFF BERMUDA IN DISTRESS

Overdue Vessel Reaches
Hamilton—Delay Was
Caused by Broken
Pump.

BERMUDA, Jan. 11.—In tow of
the tug Gladsten and Powerful,
the steamer Ponce is being towed
to Murray's anchorage. A mes-
sage flashed to the signal station
on shore says that all of the pas-
sengers and crew are safe. The
boat's delay was due to a broken
shaft.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Just at the
moment when all hope for the twelve-
days overdue steamer Ponce, of the
New York and Porto Rico line, was
about gone, came the news of her ar-
rival today off Bermuda in tow of the
tramp steamer Wabbe. When the
Trinidad liner, Maracas, four days over-
due, which was believed to have the
Ponce in tow, arrived here this morn-
ing and reported she had seen no trace
of the Ponce, shipping authorities ad-
mitted there was scant possibility of
the Ponce ever being seen again.

Almost simultaneously two messages
from Hamilton, Bermuda, told of the
Ponce's arrival off that port. One mes-
sage was from a correspondent briefly
chronicling the Ponce's arrival and the
other was to the New York and Porto
Rico line confirming the news. No de-
tails were given. General Manager
Mooney, of the steamship line, at once
cabled Bermuda for full particulars.

Grave fears had been entertained for
the Maracas, as well as the Ponce, and
it was believed both boats would be
heard from at the same time, if at all.

Maracas at Sandy Hook.

Just at dawn this morning a steamer
was seen creeping up the lower bay.
She was made out as the Maracas and
Sandy Hook signaled her for news of
the Ponce. The answer came she had
seen nothing of the missing vessel.

While the steamship company officers
were trying to devise some new ex-
cuse which would temporarily pacify
the anxious friends of the passengers
and crew of the Ponce the news of her
arrival off Bermuda came.

"Ponce off Bermuda in tow of tramp
Wabbe," was the message to the
steamship company. It was signed
Darrell. General Manager Mooney said
he did not know who Darrell is, but
presumed the message came from some
commission agent.

Broken Pump Caused Delay.

The breaking down of her circulating
pump caused the delay to the Maracas.
It took thirty-six hours to repair the
injury, and she then could run only at
slow speed, requiring the extra days
for her passage.

Both the revenue cutters Mohawk and
Onondaga put to sea from Norfolk last
night.

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CAVE-IN BURIES 100 MEN

Miners Imprisoned at
Schloss Property
in Alabama.

Rescue Party Starts
to Save the Lives
of Victims.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 11.—
One hundred miners have been en-
tombled as a result of a cave-in at
the Schloss mines in Calhoun county,
according to a telephone report
just received here.

It is not known if any of the
men were killed outright, but, ow-
ing to the extent of the cave-in, it
will be several hours before they
can be reached.

The accident is said to have been
caused by defective timbering.

One rescue party has already en-
tered the mine and another is be-
ing organized.

No details of the collapse have
been received.

SAITTI CAPTORS ASK RANSOM

Wealthy Broker May Have
Six-Year-Old for
\$10,000.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—A dragnet had
been thrown by the police over the city
today to capture the kidnappers of little
Salvatore Saitti, the six-year-old son of
Antonio Saitti, a wealthy broker, for
whom \$10,000 ransom is demanded. The
child disappeared from in front of his
home in Harlem yesterday afternoon.

The police believe the boy is hidden
away on the lower east side. A ticket
chopper on the Third avenue elevated
saw the boy in company with an Ital-
ian last night. The ticket chopper re-
cognized Salvatore from his picture in the news-
paper. The father received the follow-
ing threatening letter today:

"Don't be frightened. Your boy is in
our hands. Send us \$10,000 if you want
to see him alive again. If not, we will
kill him. Seek advice of your friends."
The circumstances of the kidnapping
bear a striking resemblance to that of
George Brucato, who was recently re-
turned to his parents, after having been
a prisoner for two weeks.

Salvatore's mother was prostrated at
her home this morning and had to be
attended by a physician.

CALLS HARRIMAN AS A WITNESS

Commission Also Asks Wil-
liam Rockefeller to
Appear.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Sixty witnesses
will be subpoenaed to testify before the
Interstate Commerce Commission when
it resumes its hearings into the Har-
riman roads in this city.

The hearings will not take place until
the last week in February, so that all
the sick financiers will have sufficient
time to recover.

The chief witness to be called is
E. H. Harriman, and on the list are
William Rockefeller, Jacob Schiff, head
of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; Henry H. Rogers,
and Henry C. Frank.

If James Stillman, president of the
National City Bank, has returned from
Europe by the end of next month he
will also be called.

LOST BOY FOUND AT LAST IN JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Raymond Smallwood, the thirteen-
year-old messenger boy, who has been
missing from his home, 447 R street
northwest, since December 30, was pic-
ked up this morning in Jacksonville,
Fla., according to a dispatch received
by Major Sylvester. The boy's father
was notified immediately and steps will
be taken to bring him home.

VIOLINIST MISSING; POLICE ON LOOKOUT

Major Sylvester this morning re-
ceived a communication from the Phil-
adelphia police asking him to have a
sharp lookout kept for Frank S. Morton,
first violinist of the Philadelphia Or-
chestra, who has been mysteriously miss-
ing since December 22 last.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return

Via Pennsylvania Railroad, every Sat-
urday and Sunday. All regular trains ex-
cept the "Congressional Limited." Tick-
ets good to return until Sunday night.
—Adv.